



## **FY2011 (7/1/10 – 6/30/11) Annual Work Plan Underwood Conservation District**

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### **Mission of Underwood Conservation District**

- ❖ *The mission of the Underwood Conservation District is to enhance the level of natural resource stewardship within the district.*

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### **Natural Resource Priorities:**

- ❖ *Wildfire Risk Reduction / Firewise Communities*
- ❖ *Forest Land Management*
- ❖ *Farm and Ranch Land Management*
- ❖ *Irrigation Improvements*
- ❖ *Orchard and Vineyard Management*
- ❖ *Critical Habitat and Target Species*
- ❖ *Water Conservation*
- ❖ *Riparian Ecosystems*
- ❖ *Invasive Species*
- ❖ *Watershed Enhancement*
- ❖ *Filling of Natural Resource Conditions Data Gaps*

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### **Program Area:** *Natural Resources*

#### **Goals:**

- ❖ *Through 2015, coordinate with other agencies to empower and create Firewise communities.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, assist forestland owners in forest management plans, technical plans, implement those plans through district cost share agreements as well as state and federal grants/costshare.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, assist farmers and ranchers with farm plans, nutrient management plans, costshare and grant applications, and technical assistance on site specific projects.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, assist irrigation districts, ditch companies, and Coordinated Resource Management Areas through facilitation and acting to sponsor projects.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, conduct active outreach to orchardists and vineyard operators to identify needs and how we can be of assistance.*
- ❖ *By 2015, identify and complete 5 critical habitat projects to improve viability of target species.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, assist water users in the district with water conservation practices.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, assess additional needs of district landowners, research solutions and implement.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, continue to establish and improve riparian buffers.*

- ❖ Through 2015, maintain invasive species control by working with County and state natural resource agencies and local landowners.
- ❖ By 2015, establish a prioritized list of Watershed enhancement projects.
- ❖ Through 2015, in coordination with others, implement ways to fill data gaps identified in watershed plans.

**Funding Sources:** Skamania County Title III, WA DNR Western States, Firewise USA, RCO SRFB, BPA F&W, USFWS, NOAA-AR, Ecotrust-USFS-NOAA, WSCC, ECY

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<b>Pursue successful implementation of Firewise Program by assisting with CWPP development, landowner education and assisting with fire hazard reduction.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Gail Fullerton	Year-round project	\$125,000	
<b>Identify, design, provide technical assistance, and procure funding for new forest land improvement projects, livestock management projects, and riparian buffer projects with cooperating landowners.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Tova Cochran	Year-round project	\$35,000	
<b>Continue to work with irrigation groups to identify, pursue funding for, and implement irrigation improvement projects.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Tova Cochran	Year-round project	\$10,000	
<b>Assess needs and gain public input on how we can assist landowners, especially orchardists and vineyard owners.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Tova Cochran	Year-round project	\$2,000	
<b>Complete Construction of Simmons Creek Project.</b>	July-November 2010	Tova Cochran	40 days	\$35,000	
<b>Continue to implement steelhead habitat enhancement/restoration work in Wind River, via BPA contract.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Tova Cochran	Year-round project	\$96,000	
<b>Pursue successful completion of projects such as Castle Springs Restoration, Mt. Brook Culvert Removal, Damian Culvert Removal, Indian Creek Culverts replacements, Cannavina Road Culverts replacements.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Tova Cochran	Year-round projects	\$155,000	
<b>Complete Design, Permitting, and begin Construction on Little Wind River Community Habitat Enhancement project.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Jamie Gomez	Year-round project	\$90,000	
<b>Improve cooperator survey, distribute, and compile data to assess natural resource needs and ways UCD can fulfill those needs.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Tova Cochran	20 days	\$1,000	
<b>Continue to coordinate with local and state government agencies to conduct prevention and control of invasive species.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Adrianne Zuckerman	Year-round project	\$5,000	
<b>Continue work with the WSWMC and WRWC to develop a WS and WR Watershed Enhancement Project List and Work Plan.</b>	July 2010-June 2011	Tova Cochran	20 days	\$2,000	
<b>Initiate and maintain a Watershed Enhancement Project List</b>	July 2010-June	Tova Cochran	30 days	\$4,000	

<i>outside of the Wind River and White Salmon River watersheds.</i>	2011				
<b><i>Continue to utilize WDFW Fish Passage Protocol to inventory fish passage projects in the Lower White Salmon watershed</i></b>	July 2010- Dec. 2010	Emily Plummer	120 days	\$55,000	
<b><i>Build a water quality geodatabase for the district.</i></b>	July 2010-June 2011	Adrianne Zuckerman	Year-round project	\$19,000	
<b><i>Continue to participate in WRIA 29A &amp; 29B planning processes when possible, and as data gaps are identified and prioritized, assist in securing funding and gathering data; participate in WRIA 28 &amp; 30 planning efforts where possible as well.</i></b>	July 2010-June 2011	Jamie Gomez	Year-round project	\$20,000	

**Program Area:** *Information and Education*

**Goals:**

- ❖ *Through 2015, educate the district's school students on natural resource issues, and promote the Envirothon program.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, provide forestry, livestock, and horticulture management training on an annual basis.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, provide educational opportunities to small parcel landowners and occupiers on natural resource stewardship.*
- ❖ *Through 2015, provide education and outreach to local land occupiers to reduce solid waste through recycling and composting.*

**Funding Sources:** *RCO SRFB, WSCC,*

<b>Activities for FY2011</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>
<b><i>Continue partnering with USFWS, MCFEG, YN, other partners, and school districts to educate students on natural resource issues, including WaterJam, the Envirothon, and pursuing funding for an education/outreach position.</i></b>	July 2010-June 2011	Adrianne Zuckerman	Year-round project	\$3,000
<b><i>Pursue funding for and provide educational opportunities and technical assistance for livestock, forest, horticulture, and natural resource management.</i></b>	July 2010-June 2011	Adrianne Zuckerman	Year-round project	\$3,000
<b><i>Continue participating in Coordinated Resource Management Planning groups.</i></b>	July 2010-June 2011	Tova Cochrane	5 days	\$1,000
<b><i>Conduct an annual native plant and noxious weed identification tour in partnership with Klickitat and Skamania Counties.</i></b>	July 2010-June 2011	Jamie Gomez	5 days	\$1,000
<b><i>Continue outreach and education about aquatic and terrestrial invasive species, as well as continued participation in the Columbia Gorge Weed Management Area meetings.</i></b>	July 2010-June 2011	Adrianne Zuckerman	Year-round project	\$32,000

**Program Area:** *District Operations*

**Goals:**

- ❖ *By 2015, have all needed staffing and staff training to implement the Long Range Plan (LRP).*
- ❖ *By 2015, establish positive solid relationship with Klickitat County.*
- ❖ *By 2015, have all facilities, vehicles, equipment to meet the needs of the district.*

**Funding Sources:** *WSCC*

<b>Activities for FY2011</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Time(Days) Required</b>	<b>Estimated Funding</b>
<i>Keep UCD staff grants/time-tracking up-to-date and work to balance staff workload, including identification of additional staffing, staff training, or funding needs.</i>	<i>July 2010-June 2011</i>	<i>Tova Cochrane</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Raise awareness of UCD projects and services by requesting to meet with Klickitat County Commissioners on a regular basis, identifying ways to meet county needs, and compiling landowner/stakeholder letters of support.</i>	<i>July 2010-June 2011</i>	<i>Tova Cochrane</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Survey office, vehicle, and equipment needs, and look for ways to make improvements.</i>	<i>July 2010-June 2011</i>	<i>Tova Cochrane</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Provide staff training and equipment improvements/upgrades as needed to sustain capable staff and work environment.</i>	<i>July 2010-June 2011</i>	<i>Tova Cochrane</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>



## FY2011 Annual Budget Underwood Conservation District

### Underwood Conservation District budget for FY2011 (7/1/10 – 6/30/11)

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Skamania County Title III – Firewise</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>WA DNR Western States – Firewise</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>Firewise USA – Skagit CD</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>
<i>RCO SRFB – Invasive Species</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>
<i>RCO SRFB – Simmons Creek</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>
<i>RCO SRFB – Fish Passage Inv.</i>	<i>\$55,000</i>
<i>RCO SRFB – Damian and Mt. Brook</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>BPA F&amp;W – Wind River</i>	<i>\$96,000</i>
<i>USFWS – Castle Springs</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>USFWS – Indian Creek</i>	<i>\$48,000</i>
<i>USFWS – Simmons</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>NOAA-AR – Cannavina Ck.</i>	<i>\$46,000</i>
<i>Ecotrust-USFS-NOAA – Little Wind</i>	<i>\$90,000</i>
<i>ECY – Geodatabase</i>	<i>\$19,000</i>
<i>ECY – Gages</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>WSCC Implementation</i>	<i>\$57,000</i>
<i>WSCC Basic</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>
<i>WSCC Livestock TA</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>

**Total** **\$727,000**



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